

ALL IN THE FAMILY.

County Commissioners Give Fat Jobs to Female Relatives.

A GIRL ONLY SIXTEEN YEARS OLD

Is Made a Deputy Assessor at \$3 a Day—A Ravishing Onslaught on the County Clerk: "Their Sisters and Their Cousins and Their Aunts Must be Provided for at Public Expense."

The county commissioners are very anxious that City Assessor Oscar Bischoff shall win his fight for the retention of his office.

When Mayor Harrison appointed Geo. D. Hale as city assessor and his appointment was confirmed by the council, the county commissioners at once took sides with Oscar Bischoff, the Democratic assessor.

Just why a Republican board of county commissioners should champion the cause of a Democratic assessor is not plain to every one, but a close inspection of the workings of the assessorship shows that the commissioners have good reasons for standing by Bischoff, as he stands by them.

This city assessor must have several deputies who receive \$1 a day for their services, and the bond of each deputy must be approved by the county commissioners. There is nothing strange in this, but look at the list of deputy assessors. Miss Melle L. Knight, daughter of County Commissioner J. Lee Knight; Miss Anna McArthur, niece of County Commissioner Campbell, and only 16 years old; Mrs. J. G. Wood, wife of the county auditor, who must approve everyoucher upon which any money is drawn from the county treasury for any purpose whatever. The other deputies whose bonds have been approved by the county commissioners are, F. C. Bowen, Mrs. F. C. Bowen, M. I. Lee, R. T. Payne, Sr., M. S. Mullens, Ed Buechner, J. L. Guy, J. C. Langston, L. G. Shillinglaw, and J. W. Tobias.

Most of the appointments are good, the deputies being competent to do the duties assigned them, but what the people want to know is why a daughter of County Commissioner Knight, a niece of County Commissioner Campbell and the wife of the county auditor should be appointed to positions of this character, where their salaries are paid by the county through the members of their own families.

Commissioner Campbell also now has one niece, Miss Katie McArthur, in the county clerk's office, where she was during most of John M. Brown's term as county clerk. County Clerk McCabe has notified her that her place will be filled by a man after April 1st.

This state of affairs is as bad as anything charged against the present Papalists state administration, and it is just such work as this that made the People's party possible in Kansas.

BY OUR LOCAL STARS.

Another Play Given to a Crowded House at A. O. U. W. Hall.

To say that the entertainment given last evening at A. O. U. W. hall, at No. 729 Kansas avenue, was a success, would be putting it mildly. A comedy entitled "Between the Acts" was produced in a manner which would make some professionals jealous.

The performance was given under the auspices of the Fraternal Aid association of the A. O. U. W. and the Topeka Lodge No. 11.

The ball was filled to overflowing. The play was a light comedy in which the leading men gets into all kinds of scrapes because of his trying to conceal from a rich old uncle the fact that he is married.

Dick Comfort, the leading man, and it may be said that he certainly has a decided talent in this line.

Grace Merrigale was impersonated by C. F. Myers in an artistic manner, and Muriel Renwick also took the part of Harris, the servant, in a creditable manner.

The parts of Alexander Meander and Sally, by Frank Blanch and Miss M. Ziegelmire, respectively, were well taken.

Miss Moseett Renwick seemed to do the part of Mrs. Clementine Meander, and she received a handsome bouquet.

Mrs. Bea Troy made a charming Edith Comfort, Dick Comfort's wife.

The play was given without a hitch and was thoroughly enjoyable. The company is under the management of the dramatic association of the order, which has the following officers: W. E. McVey, president; H. W. Davis, vice president; W. S. Chaney, secretary and treasurer; R. P. Fay, stage manager; Frank Blanch, stage carpenter; John T. Chaney, business manager.

TREATED HYPNOTICALLY.

A Patient at the Insane Asylum Improved Under It.

Frank Fristee, who was sent to the state insane asylum a few weeks ago as a private patient, is becoming rational. He is the man who tried to commit suicide by pounding his head with a hammer.

Dr. J. H. McCloskey, the superintendent, took charge of Fristee and treated him hypnotically. Fristee imagined that people were after him to take his life. It is thought that he will be entirely cured before long.

LOCAL MENTION.

Probate Judge Elliott has issued marriage licenses to John G. Frost and Mary Garrett; William H. Reeder and Ida E. Hunter; Richard J. McCoy and Birdie Higginbotham.

Inglewood will be the headquarters of the Associated charities during the summer and the officers of Inglewood will have charge of the affairs of the association during the summer months.

J. L. Yeaton, of London, Ky., member of the firm of Chilton, Yeaton & Co., who has the contract for the new mail wagons, is in the city. He says the red mail wagons will make their appearance about July 1st.

During the winter since the organization of the Associated charities the association has distributed 11,200 pounds of flour, 4,000 pounds of meal, 11 tons of coal, given in 1,000 bags; 1,000 packages of meat and groceries, 1,500 pieces of clothing, and 141 pairs of shoes.

H. S. Shaffer, who committed suicide a few weeks ago, left property valued at about \$20,000 or \$25,000 but according to the terms of his will which has been filed in the probate court he leaves but \$5 to his daughter, Olive A. Spencer, of Smith Center. The entire estate goes to Mrs. Shaffer.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

Miss Josie Reynolds gave a high-five party last evening to twenty friends at her home on Western avenue.

The appointments were in excellent taste, and the score cards were the exact shade of the daffodil, which filled bowls and jardinieres in yellow masses. The cards were in the form of the figure five and were tied with a fluffy bow of narrow yellow ribbons. Prizes were won by Miss Moore and Mr. Flugert, and a daffodil was given back gratis as a souvenir.

B. P. Humphrey of Kansas City was in town yesterday.

Miss Anna Walsh and brother Charlie are spending a few weeks with friends in Atchison.

The young ladies are busily engaged planning and making bags for the Episcopal fair, and collecting pennies to put in them. Every penny will represent a year of their age, and the bags will be auctioned off. There will be nothing to show who the original owners of the articles were, however, so there need be no apprehension concerning the secrets contained therein. The young men will bring their pennies in envelopes.

The marriage of Miss Vinnie King and Mr. Bert Fessler of Duluth, Minn., is announced for Wednesday, March 28.

The ceremony will take place at high noon at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. K. F. King, 110 west Gordon street.

Mr. Fessler was formerly principal in Quincy school, and is now a prominent lawyer in Duluth.

Miss Elvira Ponderster has gone to Ota-

town for a short visit.

This is the last week in Lent, and as a consequence the millinery upturns are receiving more attention than any other feminine affairs which have been popular during the forty days.

Miss Lizzie Porter has returned from a visit in Emporia.

Bishop Thomas will meet the confirmation class at 3 o'clock Thursday at Grace cathedral.

John Earhart went to Fort Townsend, Washington, yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Anderson is the guest of Mrs. M. P. Hillier this week and there will be several informal entertainments for her. This afternoon at Mrs. T. B. Mayo's; tomorrow Mrs. Frank Anderson will entertain for Mrs. Hillier also, also, Springfield; and on Friday Mrs. Kaiser and Mrs. Will Smith will entertain informally at Mrs. Smith's home.

One of the engaged young men sent to Chicago last week for an Easter offering for his sweetheart, and we again as another young man heard of it the forthcoming with sent an order to New York.

Gen. H. Evans went to Fort Worth, Tex., yesterday.

Miss Anna Overholser, H. L. Shuler and H. V. Hinckley, left yesterday for Excelsior Springs.

Miss L. D. Monroe of Cherrington, Ia., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Mayberry, in Laramie Hill.

John Fitzgerald of Kansas City, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. John Briar is convalescing.

Frank Naylor of Holton, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Felix Rothschild of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. S. Ellington.

Mrs. Harold Martin of San Francisco, is visiting a few days here, en route to St. Louis.

Miss Ada Conklin will entertain a few friends Friday evening.

A JUMPER.

He jumped out of bed and jumped into his shoes.

He jumped for the paper that had the day's news.

When breakfast was over, he jumped, quick as a cat.

For his big outside coat and his everyday hat.

He jumped on the car that was going down town.

And he jumped to shake hands with his neighbor, Mr. Brown.

He jumped from the car when the office was reached.

And he jumped with alarm when the fire whistle screeched.

He jumped into harness to do his day's work.

And never was horse and saddle drier or slicker.

When doing his work, if folks into him bumped.

He stopped not to argue, however when they jumped.

He jumped at such chance that the day brought him.

To enlarge and expand his wallet's brightness.

And when he got through at the end of the day.

He jumped on the car that was going his way.

His wife and his children jumped at his return.

To greet him, and all the day's triumphs to him.

And when the last prayer and good night had been said,

Year in and year out, he jumped right back.

Boston Journal.

Spending an Englishman.

There was a very green Englishman at Butts City, Mo., who was talking about purchasing a house in the country, and so he strolled around the depot and half dozen druggists. Who happened to meet there put up a job on him. One of them borrowed a coat and hat of a rancher, took the cartridge out of his revolver, and with his weapon held aloft in his hand he suddenly jumped into the waiting room and yelled.

"Whoop! I'm a cantankerous old fighter from the backwaters of Fighting Creek! I'm half horse and half aligator! I'm down on everything that walks on two legs, particularly Englishmen! What's the bloody bloomin' British who called me a liar!"

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